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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6736
BILL NUMBER: HB 1063

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2011
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Smoking Ban.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Smoking Prohibition:* The bill prohibits smoking: (1) in public places; (2) in enclosed areas of a place of employment; (3) in certain state vehicles; and (4) within 12 feet of a public entrance to a public place or an enclosed area of a place of employment.

It allows smoking in: (1) certain gaming facilities; (2) cigar and hookah bars; and (3) retail tobacco stores; if certain requirements are met.

Enforcement: The bill requires the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to enforce this prohibition.

Infraction: It makes it a Class B infraction to violate the smoking prohibition and a Class A infraction if the person has been adjudged to have committed three prior unrelated infractions for violations.

Employment: The bill prohibits firing or refusing to hire a person for reporting a violation or exercising any right or performing any obligation under the smoking prohibitions.

State Institutions: The bill removes the authority of a superintendent of a state institution to regulate smoking.

School Buses: It relocates the prohibition against smoking on a school bus during the school week to IC 7.1.

Repeal: It also repeals the current Clean Indoor Air Law, and it makes a technical correction.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Summary- The bill may increase costs for the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) to enforce the smoking ban. The increased costs will vary depending on how ATC implements its enforcement responsibility. Also, revenues for the state General Fund could increase through infraction judgements for two Class B infractions (or Class A infractions under certain circumstances) established under the bill.

Background Information - Enforcement: The current Clean Indoor Air Law is under the sections of the Indiana Code concerning the State Department of Health (ISDH). Enforcement of the statute is not assigned, meaning that it is enforced by law enforcement officers. Under the bill, the ATC would have enforcement responsibility. Also, the Department of Health, a local health department, and the Division of Fire and Building Safety may enforce the prohibition.

The ATC currently has authority for enforcing the “sale of cigarette” provisions in the public places that would be part of the smoking ban in the bill. The bill prohibits smoking in all public places, and the ATC would have responsibility to enforce the smoking ban in places that the ATC does not currently monitor. As a result, the ATC will need to increase staffing to address this new responsibility. However, there are no data available to estimate the number of public places where enforcement will occur. The ATC could enforce the new smoking ban with its own enforcement agents or delegate enforcement to other specified agencies, including the Department of Health, local health departments, the Division of Fire and Building Safety, and all law enforcement officers as allowed under IC 34-28-5. Also, the ATC could actively enforce the smoking ban or choose to only investigate complaints received. These management decisions will determine the additional staffing requirements.

The appropriation for the ATC for enforcement and administration in FY 2012 is \$10.5 M. The ATC is funded with dedicated funds from tobacco and alcohol excise taxes. As of October 3, 2011, there were 97 employees, including 7 vacant positions, with total salaries of \$4.7 M assigned to the Excise Police Enforcement Section (EPES) of the ATC. The average annual salary of employees of the EPES is \$48,527, and average salaries range from \$22,886 to \$78,000.

Explanation of State Revenues: Infractions: There are no data available to indicate how many offenders may be found guilty of prohibited smoking, a Class B infraction, or how many owners, managers, operators, or officials in charge of public places or places of employment may fail to comply with the provisions of the act, a Class B infraction. Both of these offenses may be enhanced to a Class A infraction if the offender has three prior, unrelated convictions. If additional court cases occur and infraction judgments and court fees are collected, revenue to the state General Fund may increase. The maximum judgment for a Class B infraction is \$1,000, and the maximum judgment for a Class A infraction is \$10,000. Judgments are deposited in the state General Fund.

Employment: A violation concerning firing or refusing to hire a person for reporting a violation or exercising any right or obligation under the smoking prohibition is a Class B misdemeanor. If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund and the state General Fund would increase. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. Criminal fines are deposited in the Common School Fund.

If the case is filed in a circuit, superior, or county court, 70% of the \$120 court fee (for misdemeanors) or \$70 court fee (for infractions) that is assessed and collected when a guilty verdict is entered would be deposited in the state General Fund. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 55% of the fee would be

deposited in the state General Fund. In addition, some or all of the document storage fee (\$2), automated record keeping fee (\$5), judicial salaries fee (\$19), public defense administration fee (\$5), court administration fee (\$5), judicial insurance adjustment fee (\$1), and the DNA sample processing fee (\$2) are deposited into the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Enforcement:* Local health departments could incur additional costs to inspect premises to detect violation of the prohibition. The ATC, however, is responsible for enforcement of the ban.

Employment: A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail. The average daily cost to incarcerate a prisoner in a county jail is approximately \$44.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources: The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$70 (infraction) or \$120 (misdemeanor) court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. In addition, several additional fees may be collected at the discretion of the judge and depending upon the particular type of criminal case.

State Agencies Affected: ATC; ISDH; Division of Fire and Building Safety.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts; local law enforcement agencies; local departments of health.

Information Sources:

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